

Council on Postsecondary Education
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Discussion with University and KCTCS Board Chairs and Vice Chairs

The chairs and vice chairs of the governing boards of the universities and KCTCS have been invited to join the council for a discussion about the current condition of postsecondary reform and its future.

A great deal has been accomplished since 1998: there are nearly 33,000 more students enrolled at our public universities and colleges, retention rates are up, more adults are earning GEDs and more of those Kentuckians are going on to college, and our institutions are more aggressive than ever before in private dollars raised and external research dollars earned. But there is so much more that needs to be done.

And reform is entering a new phase. Tom Layzell has recently become the new president of the council. The council will have a new chair beginning in July. A new governor will be elected in November. The state budget is very tight and may be even tighter when the new governor and the General Assembly construct a budget for the 2004-06 biennium.

The May meeting is a good opportunity to talk with the board chairs and vice chairs about where to go from here.

- What are the most important accomplishments of reform so far?
- How are we improving the lives of the people of Kentucky?
- How can we work together to share our results with the members of the General Assembly and the broader public?
- What should we do differently as we move forward and how can the council and the institutions further strengthen the relationships with one another? How can we show that Kentucky's investment in reform is being used effectively and why it must be sustained?

The discussion with the board chairs and vice chairs is expected to begin at 10:30 a.m.